

REMARKS

Claims 35-64, 75-85, 92, and 93 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action set forth a restriction requirement requiring applicant to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution on the merits:

Group I:	Claims 35-64, 92, and 93, drawn to an implant system
Group II:	Claims 75-80, drawn to a surgical rasp
Group III:	Claim 81, drawn to a cutting guide
Group IV:	Claim 82-85, drawn to a drill guide

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I containing claims 35-64, 92, and 93 for prosecution on the merits. As such, claims 75-85 have been cancelled herein.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 35-64, 92, and 93 as currently pending in the present application. Should the Examiner find any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of August 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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